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## Curves ahead! The plus-size models that prove fashion is finally ready to embrace larger women

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First there was Dove's 'real women' campaign, then there was Beth Ditto, but to date it seems that larger women have failed to become anything more than a novelty in fashion.

After all, Sophie Dahl, the original plus-size model, eventually lost the weight that made her so famous, Kate Moss continues to live by the mantra: 'Nothing tastes as good as skinny feels', and only last year Ralph Lauren famously airbrushed a model to look so thin, her head was wider than her waist.

But could 2010 be the year that curves finally come of age?



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**Size matters: Model Tara Lynn wears nothing but a slick of red lipstick while posing for V Magazine's size issue**

V Magazine certainly believes that is the case, so much so that it has dedicated an entire issue to women of different shapes and sizes.

'The Size Issue', which hits news stands on January 14, features a high-fashion photo shoot starring no less than five curvaceous bombshells.

The images, by Norwegian fashion photographer Solve Sundsbo, see the models wearing everything from figure-hugging Agent Provocateur bodysuits to cut-out Gucci swimsuits.

One wears Dolce & Gabbana lingerie, while another dramatically poses in nothing but a slick of red lipstick.

The girls unashamedly flaunt full thighs, stomach rolls and love handles - things that would normally be airbrushed out on a high fashion magazine.



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**Figured out: Candice Huffine and Tara Lynn unashamedly flaunt their curves for photographer Solve Sundsbo**

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**On form: Kasia P models Agent Provocateur's leopard-print bodysuit, while Candice Huffine proves Gucci's embellished cut-out swimsuit is not just for the super-slim**

Sundsbo said: 'I loved the opportunity to show that you can be beautiful and sexy outside the narrow interpretations that normally define us.'

The same issue sees famed plus-size model Crystal Renn take on the slender Jacquelyn Jablonski, who at 17, has already modelled for Calvin Klein Jeans and Proenza Schouler.

And the U.S. glossy could well be on the money with its theme. Over the past few months, gap-toothed supermodel Lara Stone - who is currently dating David Walliams - has become famous in her own right thanks to her 'va-va voom' size 8 figure (most models are a UK size 4-6).



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**Bombshells: Plus-size models Candice Huffine (left) and Michelle Olson (right) work the body-con look**

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**Larger than life: Marquita Pring almost covers up in Pringle of Scotland knitwear, while Michelle Olson dares to bare in a Dolce & Gabbana corset**

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Gossip singer Beth Ditto's collection for Evans was a runaway success, with some items selling out in days.

And who could forget the media storm surrounding British designer Mark Fast's London Fashion Week show in September, after his stylist allegedly walked out over a decision to use plus-size models.

The models in question proved how sexy Fast's clingy knitted dresses could look on a curvaceous body, making them a sellout at Brown's, the London boutique in which they were sold.



**Shaping up, from left: Tara Lynn, Candice Huffine, Michelle Olson, Marquita Pring**

So could skinny finally be on its way out? Realistically, no.

Even Stone, who is, by normal standards, very slim, admitted: 'A lot of people say it's nice to see someone who won't break in half when you touch them. But I am still a woman and a person, and if you're compared and confronted with your colleagues, and they're all half your size, you think, "F\*\*\*, I'm really fat!"'

But it seems that the fashion world is slowly making progress by beginning to accept more varied body shapes, and that there remains plenty of opportunity to embrace women that *really* look like women.

**Photography: Solve Sundsbo**

**Styling: Nicola Formichetti**

**Models: Candice Huffine, Marquita Pring, Michelle Olson, Tara Lynn, Kasia P.**

**The full feature appears in V magazine, on sale from January 14; [www.vmagazine.com](http://www.vmagazine.com)**

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I think they look horrible.

- Simone, Burley, 06/1/2010 03:04

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There is nothing wrong with Plus size Models, but even from a woman view...at least put flattering clothes on her and I DO NOT want to see fat rolls. I'm sorry if that offends people.

- Brenda, Cleveland USA, 06/1/2010 02:58

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"Skinny, anorexic, size 0, skin and bones, boyish, stick thin, unwomanly, etc."

These terms are considered acceptable to refer to women naturally sized 8-12 because they are now a minority, and thus they are seen as abnormal and unrealistic.

Women sized 14-18 are now the majority, with the average British woman being a size 16. So it's no wonder that there are all these "skinny bashing" articles because it makes the average woman feel good.

If you're woman sized 8-12, don't take any notice of the nasty comments made about your svelte body. We all know most women would kill for a slim body but they just won't admit it out loud. And the minority of men on here do not represent the views of the entire male population.

Fact: If being big was really more desirable then we would see less articles about diets and weight loss and more about weight gain. It's well-known that most men fantasize about the Victoria's Secret supermodels and slim actresses like J.Alba and M.Fox too.

- Jason, Liverpool, UK, 06/1/2010 02:58

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You are either attractive to someone or you are not. These girls are stunning but they would be even if they were stick thin because they have beautiful faces, hair and skin. Personally i like women almost any size.

- Jay, cheshire, 06/1/2010 02:54

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Sundsbo said: 'I loved the opportunity to show that you can be beautiful and sexy outside the narrow interpretations that normally define us.'

If you really think that, then why were all the models airbrushed so their skin looked "perfect?" If you truly want the opportunity to show women can be beautiful, then leave the pictures alone and let us see their "true" beauty.

- Cathy, Alberta, Canada, 06/1/2010 02:49

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These ladies look gorgeous, probably because they look pretty and self confident absent is any sign of poor self image and they look happy. Skinny or curvy this is the real secret to looking beautiful.

- andrew borman, torquay, UK, 06/1/2010 02:46

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